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CAMERAMEN AMONG THE ESKIMOS

First film ever made in an igloo

AFTER spending 15 months in the Far North, two film men produced the first film ever made inside an Eskimo igloo. Included in the 30,000 feet of sound and silent film they took is a sequence showing the birth of a baby in an igloo at Chesterfield, a seal-hunting village on the north-west shore of Hudson Bay less than 200 miles south of the Arctic Circle.

The two men are Mr. Douglas Wilkinson, who was born in Bradford in 1919, and Mr. Jean Roy of Montreal.

The two film men reached Chesterfield Inlet in the supply ship Regina Polaris and began making their picture—the life of an Eskimo child, Aliak. They could not, of course, set up their elaborate lighting and sound equipment in the confined space of an ordinary Eskimo igloo, so, with the aid of the Eskimos, they built a big igloo as their central studio.

Around it they constructed four smaller igloos opening into the main one. These they used as a working base from which they could take medium and long shots of life in the big igloo.

STUDIO OF SNOW

Tunnels were dug in the deep snow to join all the four small igloos. Another tunnel connected the central "studio" with an igloo specially built to house the generator which provided power for the lights.

Shortly after the construction work was finished, the whole encampment was covered by a huge snowdrift.

The helpful Eskimos readily lent the film-makers native tools, cooking utensils, and so on, and were eager to appear in the film.

"They weren't a bit camera-shy," said Mr. Roy. "They would do anything we wanted them to do, and do it again and again quite cheerfully. They are never temperamental and they don't like people who are."

Each working day began at 7 a.m. with the lighting of stoves to raise the studio temperature from 20 degrees below zero to 20 above.

NO WOOLLENS

Throughout the long winter of filming, Mr. Wilkinson and Mr. Roy never wore woollen clothing. Eskimo women made them caribou parkas, knee-length pants, socks reaching to the thigh, moccasins, and gloves. They found this loose-fitting clothing surprisingly light and warm.

It was not until spring that they photographed the birth of the baby, although this was really the start of the film as they planned it. The snow was already starting to melt and the big igloo was beginning to sink.

With his 16-mm. camera whirring, Mr. Roy took pictures of the mother awaiting the arrival of her child, and finally the joyful moment when the newborn babe,

a boy, was wrapped in caribou skins.

Throughout their long stay with the Eskimos, the two men often ate native food. Mr. Roy found that thick slices of whale skin, eaten raw, were "crunchy and good."

"When it is boiled and eaten cold, it is just like pâté de foie gras," he added.

The Eskimos are great tea-drinkers. During their long journeys with hunting parties, Mr. Wilkinson and Mr. Roy stopped like the others every three hours for a pot of tea—tea so strong, said Mr. Roy, that a spoon would have stood up in it if there had been a spoon!

Mrs. Wilkinson accompanied her husband on the rugged trip. She cooked for him and Mr. Roy when they were at their Chesterfield base. She also helped to look after the half-ton or so of photographic equipment which they had taken with them.

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In the picture above is the Eskimo woman Rosa, who appears as the mother in the igloo film.

Below is a scene in the snow "studio," with one of the electric lights on the wall while the film was being made.



The two men went with the Eskimos on a walrus hunt in Repulse Bay, which is just on the Arctic Circle. They also took part in a caribou hunt on the Kazan River, farther north, and, "to thoroughly get the feel of the Eskimo way of life," they journeyed inland by dog-team for pictures of hunting caribou, Arctic geese, ptarmigan, and other wild life on which the Eskimos rely for food and clothing.

The work was backed by the Canadian National Film Board, who propose to release the film as a number of shorts. It should give movie audiences a vivid insight into the life of the Eskimos in the Arctic.

MYSTERIOUS VISITOR

A full-grown raccoon has been captured at Kinross, on the north side of Loch Leven. How it got there remains a mystery, for it is a native of North America, about the size of a fox, with thick brown fur, a flat head, and a handsome ring-marked tail.

During the winter strange footprints in the snow were seen by a gamekeeper, but the animal itself was never observed. After the remains of a pheasant were found, however, a trap was laid and next day the intruder was captured.

OIL UNDER ENGLAND

England is not generally regarded as an oil-producing country, but it has just been announced that the 4,900,000th barrel of crude oil has been produced at the Anglo-Iranian Oil Company's English oilfields. These are mainly near Eakring, Notts, and Formby, Lancs., and have been producing oil since 1938.

Originally 700 barrels a year, production has averaged 350,000 barrels a year recently, the record being in 1943, when 789,320 barrels were obtained.

The search for English oil is constantly proceeding; drilling was recently begun at a new well near Ainsdale-on-Sea, Lancashire.

ELASTIC BRIDGE

Civil engineers in New Zealand have to give a thought to earthquakes, and the new £5,500,000 bridge which is to span Auckland Harbour has been designed to withstand more than three feet of displacement in any direction.

It will be built of elastic material, and will be well braced in all directions, securely anchored, and have expansion bearings. The piers will be set six feet deep in the rock under the harbour bed. It is the most ambitious engineering project yet planned for New Zealand.

The sort of pessimist who says, "Supposing there's an earthquake?" will not deter millions from crossing the bridge. For at present some eleven million people every year cross the harbour in ferry steamers.

The bridge, 3520 feet long, will also carry water and gas mains, as well as electricity cables.

ENGINEERING ROBOT

A wonderful new machine installed at the Morris motor-engine branch at Coventry has been christened The Brain. It has replaced 18 other machines and can carry out 28 simultaneous engineering operations with a three-man team in charge.

The first mechanical gearbox manufacturing machine of its type in Britain, it can mill, tap, and bore a complete gearbox casing in only 93 seconds.

It occupies only 885 square feet of factory space, as against 1800 square feet occupied by the machines it replaces, and is greatly speeding up vital production.

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SECRET OF THE COMMONWEALTH

By the CN Diplomatic Correspondent

At mastheads in cities all round the world flags unfurled only for great occasions will greet the first hour of daylight on Saturday, May 24. This is the way that the free and equal nations of the British Commonwealth welcome Empire Day. What is the secret of the bond that unites this astonishing brotherhood—the bond which, without written rules of association, seems to grow stronger and stronger down the years?

To many people the word Empire seems entirely out of tune when applied to the Commonwealth. It would appear to imply that one nation holds supremacy over the other partners.

India showed how wrong is this view; for after reaching self-governing status, she decided to be a republic.

Foreigners thought, and in fact said openly, that this was the beginning of the end for the British Commonwealth. India would merely be the first to break away, they prophesied.

FRIENDSHIP POLICY

The prophets were confounded. Despite her republican constitution, India elected to stay in the Commonwealth and is taking a more and more prominent place in the close consultations between its nations. Furthermore, in pursuit of the policy of friendship with all the world, her Prime Minister, Mr. Nehru, is confident that India can show it is practicable to live peacefully alongside a strong Communist country such as China.

Ideals such as these can only strengthen the power of the peace-makers.

On Empire Day itself, Mr. Menzies, the Australian Prime Minister, is due in London on a friendship visit for talks with members of Mr. Churchill's Government—intimate "family circle" talks about hard problems of trade and the need to safeguard sterling.

Australia, indeed, is the one country in the Commonwealth which calls herself a Common-

wealth—the term leaving no doubt that within Australia the separate states making up the continent are each free and equal.

The term "dominion," on the other hand, appears to be falling out of favour. Canada chose that title and has been known by it from the early days of her independence. Actually, the Canadians nearly chose the word kingdom.

In recent weeks, however, the Canadian Government have decided to omit the title Dominion from official Bills and so on.

Does this mean a loosening of the Canadian link to the Commonwealth?

Mr. St. Laurent, the Prime Minister of the once self-styled dominion, gives a firm No as the answer to such a question.

CANADA'S LOYALTY

All Canadians, he says, agree in their complete loyalty to the Queen.

"It is all the more universal in Canada," he contends, "because it is felt that there has been no acceptance of any secondary position in the Commonwealth."

So Canada remains the especial link of the Commonwealth with the United States. Not the least of their services as such a link is the fact that their currency is dollars, a hard currency in every sense of the phrase for the rest of the British Commonwealth.

It was in Canada that Empire Day was first celebrated, in 1897. World-wide today, this word Empire, as Britons all over the world interpret its meaning, has stood and still stands for liberation.

WORLD'S CHILDREN LOSE A FRIEND

To few pioneers in educational methods do children—and many grown-ups too—owe so much as to Dr. Maria Montessori, who died recently in Holland aged 81. She was the woman who brought a new spirit of freedom into school life, enabling children to learn much more readily—and happily—than was formerly possible.

She held that young children make most progress when given the fullest possible freedom of physical movement, plenty of objects on which to make experiment, and when rewards and punishments are completely abolished. She once described little children in the schools of her day as like "rows of butterflies transfixed with pins."

Dr. Maria Montessori was the first woman in Italy to become a doctor of medicine. This was in 1894, but she devoted her life entirely to children.

The first triumph of her new system was when she taught some eight-year-old mentally defective children to read and write so well that at a public examination they

beat normal children also competing.

Put in charge of children's crèches in a Rome slum in 1907, she again proved that her methods produced as good results with normal children as with those who were mentally defective.

She wrote books on her system and travelled far and wide to demonstrate it in person. Societies for studying it were founded and several countries introduced it, with suitable adaptations, into their schools. In Britain she first gave courses for teachers in 1919, and in 1947 directed the Montessori centre in London.

Thanks to her, and to others with similar ideas, the centuries-old notion that boys and girls can be effectually taught through the fear of punishment has been largely discarded.

She believed that true learning comes to an individual only through his own interest and effort; but that the teacher is indispensable, to guide and encourage.

The name of Maria Montessori will go down the centuries as a true friend of all young children.

MICHAEL KEEPS ON WINNING

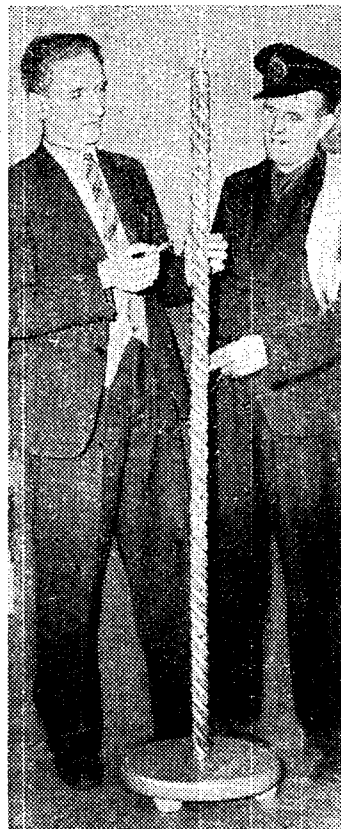
Prize-winning seems to be the hobby of CN reader Michael Smith of Ilford. He is the 14-year-old pianist who recently won the Gold Medal for obtaining the highest marks in Britain and Ireland in the Final Examination of the Associated Board of the Royal Schools of Music.

This was an outstanding achievement, for the Grade VIII examination is open to candidates of any age. But in 1949 Michael won the Gold Medal for the Grade VI (Piano) Examination, and in a CN competition in the same year he won the bicycle which takes him to school.

Michael has now turned his attention to the organ, and in April passed with Honours the Intermediate Organ Examination at Trinity College of Music, London. He is Sunday School organist at St. Andrew's Church, Ilford.

(You can win a bicycle, too. See next week's CN.)

Hand-carved spiral



Mr. R. L. Lovick, of Dulwich, London, with a lamp-standard which he carved with a penknife.

ENGLISH TEACHER FOR FALKLANDS

Miss Ursula Richardson of Scunthorpe, Lincs., set sail recently to take up a teaching appointment in a part of the world where, because there are neither roads nor railways, she will have to travel either on horseback or by boat.

She is now on her way to Montevideo, in Uruguay, and there she will wait a week for the small steamer which will take her the last thousand miles of her journey—to Port Stanley, in the Falklands.

This is by no means the first time Miss Richardson has been abroad; she has lived in France, Portugal, China, and Greece.

News From Everywhere

MODERN ART

Two schoolboys visiting a museum at Amsterdam, not long ago, discovered that a modern painting, which hundreds of people had passed every day, was hanging upside down. They spotted it because the signature of the artist was the wrong way up.

About 500 books on Joan of Arc in French, English, and Latin—some of them rare—were recently presented by the American Ambassador in France to Orleans. The gift was made on the 523rd anniversary of the liberation of the town from the English.

Boys from the Meir County Modern School, Stone, are to spend a holiday this year exploring the canals of Staffordshire and North Warwickshire in four converted barges.

Italian miners working in British coalmines are to have their own newspaper.

Scientists who have been investigating the recent geological disturbances on Kutubdia Island, in the Bay of Bengal, believe that there is a volcano beneath the island.

MORE MAORIS

New Zealand's Maori population has doubled during the last 30 years.

Three young elephants in a railway carriage at Otley, Yorkshire, stamped so hard that they dislodged the brake and sent the carriage along the line.

An insecure bridge across the River Mole at Leatherhead, Surrey, is to be replaced by a Bailey bridge.

Italy now has a mail and passenger helicopter service. The roof of Rome's great new railway station is being used as one of its halts.

There are now only about 50 people in England who fly their own aircraft solely for pleasure.

SERGEANT EISENHOWER

General Eisenhower has been made an honorary sergeant in the Italian Army.

Planes recently dropped trout 300 feet to restock Ontario lakes.

The cancelled Royal Tour of New Zealand and Australia will be made early in 1954.

Britain has 1,085,000 allotments.

American cars are shipped to Tokyo in parts, assembled by Japanese labourers, and the completed cars are re-exported to Asiatic countries.

SPEEDING UP THE COMET

The time for the Comet's flights between London and Johannesburg will within a year be reduced to about 21 hours each way. The scheduled time for the first flight was 23 hours 58 minutes.

Prizes up to £50 are to be awarded this year to building students and apprentices on the results of the examinations for the Ministry of Education's Ordinary and Higher National Certificates in Building.

The French population has been estimated at 42,400,000, an increase of over two million since 1946.

Engineers at Matawan, New Jersey, U.S., recently opened the flood gates of a two-mile-long lake there because it was in danger of overflowing, but they were unable to close the gates again. Now all the water has drained away, leaving only a mud puddle.

IT WAS THAT LONG

Fishing from a boat at Clacton, Mr. T. Buckley caught a giant ray which weighed 59 lbs. and was 5 feet 9 inches long. Unable to get the fish on board, he towed it to the beach.

From the sale of used stamps obtained from business offices in Denmark, the Danish Red Cross is helping to maintain children's homes in Greenland.

Mr. Ernest Bacon, of Bedford, Suffolk, has retired after serving as postman for 61 years. He began as a boy of 12, making his rounds on a donkey.

BEAUTY FOR SAFETY

The Mayor of Bonboillon, France, has lined the town's roads with flowers so that motorists will slow down to admire them.

The Boy Scouts' Cornwell Badge has been awarded to 16-year-old Anthony Cooper, of Sidecup, Kent, for devotion to duty under great suffering.

Two tiny Bibles have been found in County Monaghan, Ireland. One measuring only 1.6 inches by 1 inch has 876 pages and 26 pictures.

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BRITISH TIMBER SCIENTISTS

At Princes Risborough, in Buckinghamshire, is Britain's Back-room of Timber—the Forest Products Laboratory.

For 25 years the experts there have been delving amongst the woods of the world, chiefly those from the tropical forests. If the builder of a freezing plant wants to know what sort of wood to use he goes to the "boffins" in the little Buckinghamshire town, and so do those who want a wood that will take great strains and not bend, buckle, or break. Woods to resist the effects of soil, sun, and snow are known and studied in these laboratories.

Just now the wood-men of the laboratories are discovering what

glue and wood together will do. In one room 200 infra-red lamps pour down their merciless heat to discover what happens when pieces of African mahogany are glued together. In another room the heat is humid, and the plywood is watched carefully.

In a line of little cells wood is stored on racks at various temperatures to discover how it warps or splits. Over 8000 samples of timber are kept in stock, and they are nursed, fed, stretched, pumelled, compressed, and examined under microscopes.

All the time the experts are on the look-out for new woods from the tropical forests, which often have some surprises in store.

MAGNETIC FIRE ALARM

A new fire-detecting device is a simple application of an experiment which might be made in the school laboratory.

If a bar magnet is heated it will eventually reach a temperature where its magnetism completely disappears. With iron, for example, this is about 770 degrees centigrade, with cobalt 1150 degrees, and with nickel about 360 degrees. Magnetic alloys can be produced which become non-magnetic at anything from 10 degrees centigrade up to 1000 degrees or more.

The magnetic fire alarm is merely a switch with the movable part attracted by the bar magnet and held in the "off" position. If the temperature rises sufficiently for the magnet to lose its magnetism, the switch operates and sounds the alarm.

STOWAWAYS GALORE

On her homeward voyage the Norwegian whaling ship Thorshammer called at Tenerife in the Canary Islands to refuel. Although the whole length of the ship was floodlit and a close watch was kept while the ship was being refuelled, no fewer than 30 stowaways managed to get aboard.

These unofficial passengers were soon discovered and put ashore, but after the ship had left harbour another 15 stowaways were found. They had to be returned to Tenerife in the ship's small boats.

CANADIANS MARCH INTO DETROIT

Next Sunday, the nearest to Empire Day, men of the Essex Scottish Regiment, of Windsor, Ontario, will cross into the United States through the tunnel under the river, and march proudly up the main street of Detroit to church service at St. Paul's Cathedral.

As soon as the pipes are heard, the Detroiters rush into the streets to cheer the Essex Scottish in their colourful MacGregor kilts with sporrans, scarlet tunics, and feather bonnets.

The cathedral is decorated for the occasion with both the Stars and Stripes and the Canadian Red Ensign, and the congregation sing various anthems of the two nations.

This parade has taken place every year since 1919, except in 1940 and 1941, when Canada was at war and the U.S. still at peace.

It is the only one of its kind made on the whole of the 3000-mile border between the two great countries of North America.

INDIA'S NEW MINT

India now possesses one of the largest and most modern mints in the world. It has been built at Alipore, near Calcutta, and with the other mints at Bombay and Hyderabad, will supply all India's coinage.

The old Calcutta mint, which struck its first coin in 1829, is to be closed.

MOTHER SHEEP GOES FOR HELP

Sheep have the reputation of being both timid and foolish; but mother-love can triumph over both shortcomings.

While walking along the banks of Leithen Water, Fifeshire, a small party of people noticed a ewe behaving in an agitated manner. It was peering over a bank that dropped down to a pool and was bleating continuously.

Although there was a dog with the party the ewe immediately ran to meet them and then ran back to the pool. This the animal did several times as if trying to lead them to the spot.

On reaching the pool they saw the reason for her anxiety; a tiny lamb, which must have fallen down the bank into the water, had saved itself by scrambling onto a narrow strip of sand. There it stood, marooned and bewildered.

The dripping little creature was quickly brought to safety. Mother ewe watched the whole operation with intense anxiety and then rushed forward to lick her errant baby all over before the two moved off, happily re-united.

RIVER THAMES AS A PLAYGROUND

The Thames Youth Venture Advisory Council has been set up to encourage members of London youth organisations to take up seamanship and rivercraft. A sum of £50,000 for the purpose is to be provided by the London Parochial Charities Trustees, who have long considered that the river is a neglected playground.

The Advisory Council, of which Admiral Sir Cecil Harcourt is chairman, will prepare schemes for the increased use of the waters and banks of the river for physical training and recreation, and will recommend how the £50,000 should best be allocated.

Grants will only be made to National Voluntary Youth Organisations and to County Councils in the Metropolitan Police area.

NEW ZEALAND'S WELLINGTONS

Yet another N.Z. town named after the Iron Duke has grown large enough to be called a borough. It is Mount Wellington, a suburb of Auckland, which is to have a mayor in July.

The "mount," named by colonists 110 years ago, is only 500 feet high and is really an ancient volcanic cone with grassy slopes on which homes have been built.

New Zealand's other Wellington, its capital, now has a quarter of a million inhabitants and is one of the world's great seaports.

PAPER HARVEST

There was a good harvest of waste-paper last year; local authorities collected 400,000 tons, and the total delivered to the mills from all sources was 1,078,000 tons.

Every scrap of it helped Britain, and if the paper-chasers again pull their paperweight this year, the dollar-saving harvest will be even greater.

Drum-Major's Dream

Tucked away in a quiet street in London's West End is a firm that has manufactured drums since 1810. Founded by Drum-Major Potter of the Coldstream Guards, it has made drums for many famous British regiments and for the armies of countries all over the world. Some of their drums were sounded at the Battle of Waterloo and during the Charge of the Light Brigade. Our picture shows a craftsman selecting counter-hoops used in making military side-drums.



HANS ANDERSEN DRAWINGS

Young artists in 48 countries are taking part in the international Hans Andersen drawing competition which has been organised, on Danish initiative, by the International Union for Child Welfare. Danish children alone have submitted 50,000 illustrations of the immortal stories.

The final judging of 100 drawings from each competing country will be done in Denmark. The winning drawings will be sent on a world exhibition tour next year.

SURREY HILLSIDE FOR BOTANISTS

The Winkworth arboretum, a wonderful collection of trees and flowering shrubs of different kinds, is to be declared open to the public next Tuesday, May 27.

Presented to the National Trust by Dr. Wilfrid Fox, the arboretum comprises 60 acres of Surrey hillside with a carpet of wild flowers and an autumn glory of russet and golden tints. It lies between Godalming and Hascombe, and looks across to St. Martha's hilltop church and the North Downs.



Model BBC

Fifteen-year-old Terry Summers, of Shoreham-by-Sea, Sussex, with the model he has made of Broadcasting House, London. As many as 3184 pieces of wood went into the making of the model, and the only tools he used were razor blades, a rule, and tweezers. This is the second model of the building that Terry has made; the first was presented to Mr. John Snagge when he completed 25 years of service in broadcasting.

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Small yacht to race across the Atlantic

The 24-foot yacht Samuel Pepys, belonging to the Royal Naval Sailing Association, at Tower Bridge. She is to compete in the Bermuda Yacht Races next month. Under the command of Lieut.-Commander Bruce, R.N., she will sail back across the Atlantic in a race to Plymouth.

£. s. d. of ostriches

For some years ostrich farmers in South Africa have not found the ostrich feather trade sufficiently profitable by itself. They have sold the skins of the birds for leather, and the smaller feathers for making dusters.

The price for the smaller feathers has recently begun to rise, and the skins are now realising about £3 10s. each. Even the eggs, which are quite good for cooking, are fetching 3s. 6d. each. The flesh becomes biltong, meat salted and sun-dried.

The leather is rather handsome and it is used for making bags, purses, tobacco pouches, and other fancy goods.

As for the meat, there is not much on the birds except on the great thighs, because the skin over the breast is drawn tightly over the

bones. The flesh is dark and coarse, and tastes like beef.

Wild ostriches are found throughout the warmer parts of Africa in the drier regions, and they sometimes do damage to grain crops. They are hard to hunt, for they are such fast runners, so the higher values for their products are unlikely to cause their extermination.

Once, when a hunter was stalking wild ostriches, a number of them ran between two hills. The hunter climbed up the side of one hill hoping to find them in the valley on the other side.

It was a vain hope, for, like periscopes above the brow of the hill, the birds with their long necks were watching the man's ascent, and were a mile away by the time the top of the hill was reached.

In the Air

By the C.N. Flying Correspondent

Wild-geese chase

PETER SCOTT, the well-known artist and Director of the Severn Wild Fowl Trust, used an Auster Autocrat to search for 13 Greater Snow Geese which were missing from their home.

Knowing that geese are not at all fond of aircraft, he hoped to shepherd them back by flying in a series of S bends behind them. The geese fly at about 35 m.p.h.

High finance

IN Malaya the delivery of wages to rubber estates and mining centres by road entails the use of armoured car escorts to protect the money from bandits. Since 1948, however, the managers of Malayan industries have learnt increasingly to rely on the help given by members of flying clubs, who have delivered some £21,000,000 in "wage lifts" without charge and without losing so much as a penny.

The pilots drop the money in strongly-made bags.

Pick-a-back fighter

A NEW version of the Republic F-84 Thunderjet is undergoing tests as a "parasite" fighter to escort formations of B-36D bombers. The Thunderjets will be carried within the bomb bays of certain of these mammoth planes and released at the approach of hostile fighters.

After chasing them off, the Thunderjets will return to the big planes and "land" on a trapeze-like gear suspended below the bomber's fuselage. This will raise them up to the bomb bay again, where they will be refuelled.

Utility airliner

BRITAIN'S "utility" airliner, the De Havilland Heron, has been ordered for use in Brazil, Indonesia, and Norway. Garuda Indonesian Airways are purchasing 14 Herons to operate frequent services from Jakarta to all the important cities and islands of Indonesia.

Complex "gadgets" in the Heron have been kept to a minimum, owing to the difficulties of maintaining and repairing airliners in undeveloped territories.

Powered by four 250-h.p. engines, it seats 17 passengers and cruises at 160 m.p.h.

Are his ears red?

WATCHING a deep blush extend to the lobes of a friend's ears gave an American doctor an idea. He made a simple instrument which measured the redness of the blood, using the lobe of the ear as a light filter.

The device is a small button which a high-altitude pilot clips to his ear. If oxygen is lacking the blood changes to dark red, which the button immediately registers and sets off a warning device on the instrument panel of the aircraft.

The pilot thus has time to descend, or re-adjust his oxygen supply before he is in danger of "passing out."

THE ASTONISHING DON ROBERTO

PARLIAMENT would be a strange place if every M.P., after a speech, strode out, leaped on a fiery mustang, and cantered away down Whitehall. Nevertheless, Robert Cunningham-Graham, who was born in London on May 25 just 100 years ago enlivened the Commons in this way.

Explorer, writer, gaucho, rancher, Scottish laird—he was an astonishing public figure; and his memory is revered in South America, where he was nicknamed Don Roberto.

In the veins of the impetuous, red-bearded Cunningham-Graham flowed the blood of Spanish nobles and Scots rulers. Indeed, some called him "uncrowned King of the Scots," but he looked like a Spanish grandee. On great Perthshire estates he grew up to love the open air and horse-riding; and at 17, after education at Harrow and Brussels, he jumped at the chance of seeing Argentina.

In the next few years Robert became steeped in gaucho ways. He donned the loose, white trousers, sashes, and embroidered calfskin boots; he became expert at breaking-in wild ponies; he accompanied cattle-drovers to Uruguay. Once he and some friends were

But politics as a business of statistics and theories never appealed to him, and although he helped to found the Scottish Labour Party he could be as caustic about his associates as his opponents.

Once he spent six weeks in prison, with John Burns, for "unlawful assembly." A mass meeting in Trafalgar Square was banned, and the pair tried to penetrate the police cordon. Prison solitude meant little to the prairie-wanderer, and despite a badly-cut head he bore the police no malice. In fact, some time later he spoke in their campaign for shorter hours!

ELEGANT FIGURE

Londoners grew familiar with the elegant figure, riding daily in Hyde Park on his magnificent black "Pampa." He found this horse pulling a Glasgow tramcar, recognised its Argentine brand, and bought it for £50.

Cunningham-Graham's amazing activity never flagged. He searched for Roman gold-mines in Spain, explored Brazil, and, disguised as a sheikh, penetrated dangerous Moroccan territory. For some days a powerful Caïd held him captive—an exciting episode which inspired Shaw's play Captain Brassbound's Conversion.

VETERAN RIDER

During the First World War he bought horses in South America for the War Office, and in 1925 sailed for Venezuela and rode for weeks over his beloved pampas—at the age of 73! Ten years later he died in Buenos Aires, amid nation-wide mourning. In 1936 the Argentine paid tribute to his memory by naming a new city Don Roberto.

Cunningham-Graham's essays and stories brought praise from Conrad, Wells, William Morris, and many others. His travel books are classics, bringing vividly to life the prairies, swaying mule-carts, and flat-roofed villages. Often this remarkable man was described as the perfect Elizabethan. Certainly he lived with zest and intensity, and never faltered in his love of simple people and animals.

13,516 BOOKS TRANSLATED

Unesco recently issued its third Index Translationum. It contains details of 13,516 translations into 30 different languages made in 34 countries during 1950.

Most of the books were novels, but there were also works on history, geography, philosophy, and religion.

Yugoslavia led the way with 2051 translations, followed by Germany (1477), France (1003), and Japan (926).



A sketch of R. Cunningham-Graham in a collection of drawings by Sir Max Beerbohm now on exhibition at the Leicester Galleries, London.

forced to join a revolutionary army, but fortunately the uprising ended quickly.

Visiting Europe at 26, Cunningham-Graham married a studious but adventurous girl, Gabriela, and together they went to Texas, bought mules and covered wagons, and began the hazardous trek to Mexico, to sell cotton.

ARISTOCRATIC REFORMER

Through rolling pampas and mountain gorges they struggled; but cotton had slumped, and after selling everything they had little capital. Cunningham-Graham promptly opened a fencing academy, and Gabriela taught French and music. Soon, however, he returned to Scotland, farming the estates to meet heavy debts.

Cunningham-Graham's interest in the arts and social questions grew, and at 35 he became M.P. for North-West Lanarkshire. And a great stir did this aristocratic champion of the underdog make, as in a rich voice, full of wit, he made scathing criticisms and urged prison reform, eight-hour days, free education, and school meals.

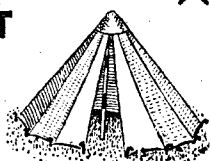
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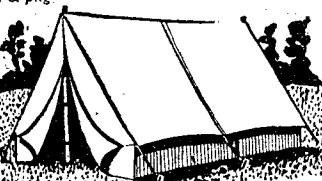
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Whipsnade is Twenty-one



Two of Whipsnade's veterans—
Mr. George Braham and Dixie

WHIPSNADE ZOO is celebrating its 21st anniversary, writes Craven Hill, for it opened its gates to the public on May 22, 1931.

Among the special attractions this week will be the famous quartet of chimps from Regent's Park—Sally, Susan, So-so, and Compo—who will hold their amusing tea-party at Whipsnade.

There will also be favourite animals from the Pets' Corner in London, and they will take part in a daily parade of animals round the park. "Guest animals" will be flown to this country for the celebrations.

Excursion trains and coach services are being run to Whipsnade, which will remain open until 10 o'clock each evening. The 160-yard-long white lion, cut in the turf on the chalk downs, is being floodlighted.

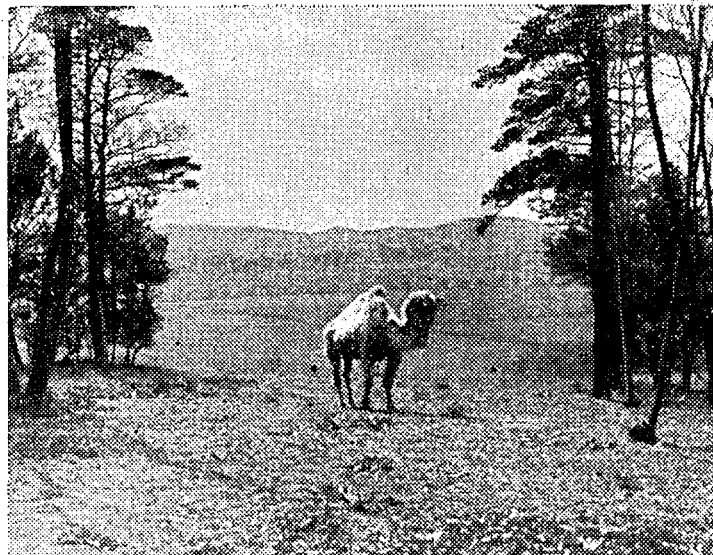
FORMERLY derelict farmland 700 feet up on the Chilterns and 34 miles from London, Whipsnade was taken over by the Zoological Society in 1926 for the display of wild animals in natural surroundings.

Covering about 500 acres—14 times as big as the Regent's Park Zoo—it struck a new note in wild-animal keeping in Britain, its boast being that there were "no cage bars."

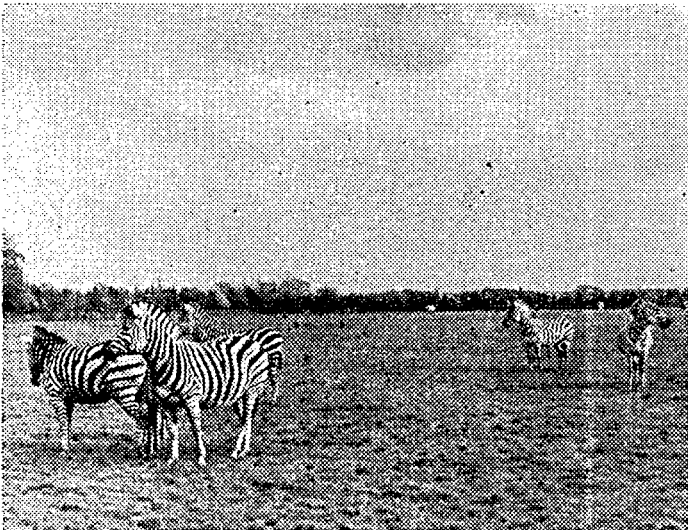
Incidentally, some folk at first were inclined to complain that there were "no animals, either!" True it was that only a few hundred animals were then in the park. But in 1932 the stock was greatly increased by the acquisition of the animals from the Bostock-Wombwell Circus, just then being disbanded.

Many of these are still at Whipsnade, the best-known being Dixie, the 2½-ton riding elephant, who is still ridden by her ex-circus trainer, Mr. George Braham. During her 20 years' service in the zoo-park she is estimated to have carried not far short of a million visitors.

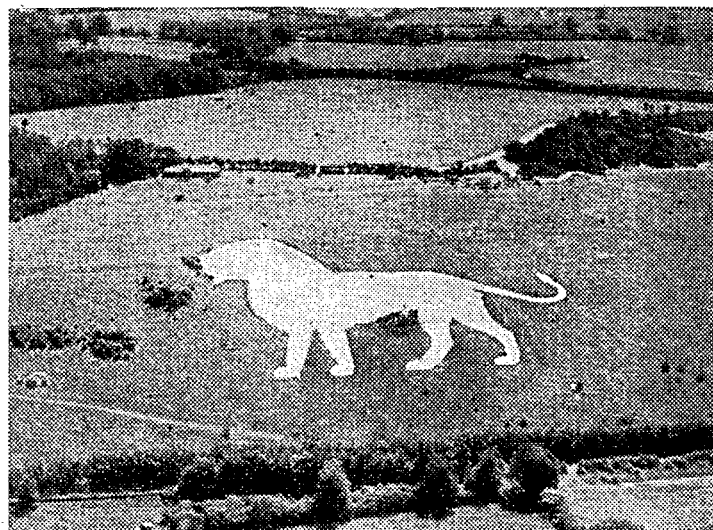
IN Whipsnade's early years the "gate" seldom exceeded 400,000 visitors annually—and in the war years, owing mainly to transport difficulties, attendances dropped to a very low level. But they have been climbing back since, and 1952 may even see this Bedfordshire zoo-park pass the million mark for the first time.



A Camel roaming freely on the Bedfordshire downs



Some of the herd of Zebras in their special paddock



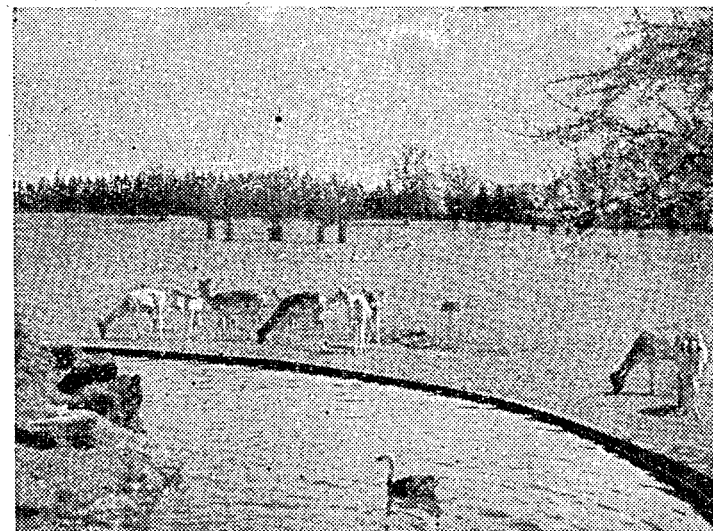
The White Lion, cut into the chalk of a hillside at Whipsnade, is a landmark well-known to airmen



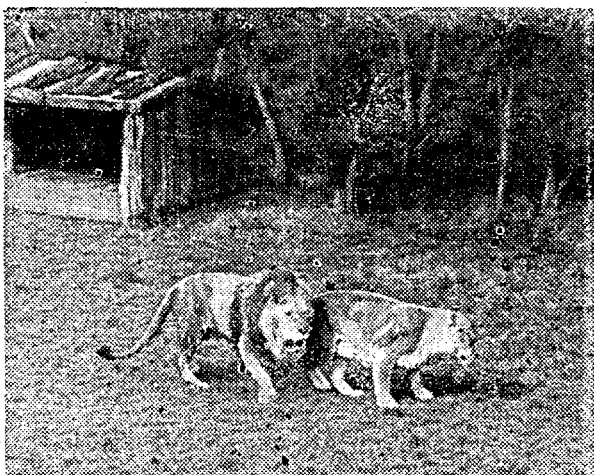
Sally, the Bison, and her calf in their paddock



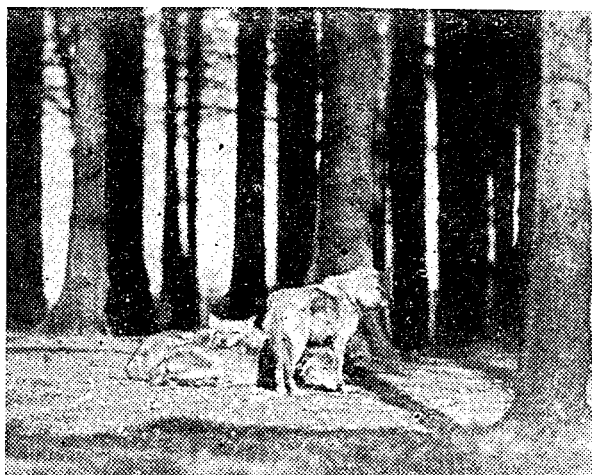
A Llama and her baby who share their home with ostriches



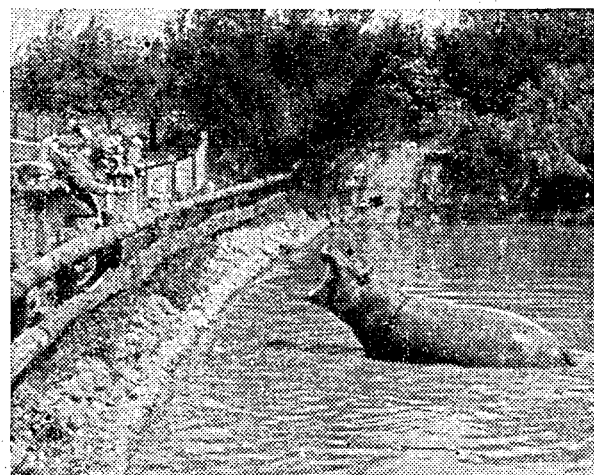
Fallow Deer beside the pool in their beautiful park



A Lion and Lioness out for a stroll in their wooded home



Timber Wolves enjoying the sun among the tall trees



Visitors feeding a Hippopotamus in its pool

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EMPIRE DAY

EMPIRE DAY used often to be a celebration of British might and power; today it is a celebration of a world-wide fellowship among subjects of the Queen who all proudly acknowledge the British way of life.

Millions of the colonial peoples are now on the march towards self-government; more and more of them are progressing towards complete independence.

Concern for the welfare of dependent peoples has long been the guiding principle of British rule, and at a time when the idea of Empire is often derided we do well to remember it.

Empire Day is a reminder that friendship and peace prevail throughout British domains, and in that spirit we celebrate it. It reaches beyond the Commonwealth to all free peoples, who pay tribute to Britain as a mother of peace-loving nations:

*A land of old and wide renown
Where Freedom broadens
slowly down*

*From precedent to precedent,
And statesmen at her council
met*

*Who knew the seasons, when
to take*

*Occasion by the hand, and
make*

*The bounds of Freedom wider
yet.*

Under the Editor's Table

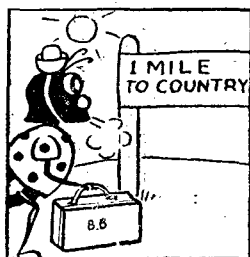
A lump of coal is supposed to bring you luck. But you must not get slack.

*When you have worn a dress
two or three times you appreciate
its finer points, says a lady. Especially
if the dressmaker has left the
pins in.*

Tinned Meat Cut Again, says a newsheading: Into thinner slices?

*A mother has a job as lift-girl in
a London store. Knows how to
bring up children, anyway.*

BILLY BEETLE



THAT SCHOOL LIBRARY

IN the old days some people disapproved of children reading books simply for pleasure; nowadays it is recognised that fiction of the right kind has a place of vital importance in their development.

The subject is dealt with in a Ministry of Education pamphlet, which points out that recreative reading no longer implies a concession to childish weakness, but a recognition of the fact that children have a life of their own, with needs that must find a healthy outlet.

In their reading, however, boys and girls want books of quality and substance to match the growth of their own powers and imagination. Homes and friends can often help, and so can public libraries, but school libraries help most of all.

Mercy planes

ALMOST every day little parcels labelled Top Priority are leaving London Airport for many parts of the world. They contain drugs like penicillin, and streptomycin, urgently needed by countries unable to provide them from their own resources.

Each packet bears the message "To save human life," and the planes which carry them do not stop at the Iron Curtain. It is good to know that political differences do not stand in the way of medical help to those who suffer.

Apart from these emergency supplies, there is a regular export trade in British drugs and medical equipment, among the biggest customers being Soviet Russia and her satellite countries.

JUST AN IDEA

As Walt Whitman wrote: Keep your face always towards the sunshine and the shadows will fall behind you.

PETER PUCK
WANTS TO
KNOW

If dogs make
good snaps

*Hens lay more eggs when the
radio is on. But if it plays jazz
they may be scrambled.*

Water-resistant newsprints is being developed in America. Will it mean more dry stuff in the newspapers?



The Editor's Table

Such is fame

AT a recent dinner party, a film writer happened to remark to the elderly lady sitting next to him that he worked for Cecil B. DeMille, the celebrated Hollywood producer.

"That's a familiar name," she said. "By any chance, was it Willie or Cecil?"

"Cecil," he replied.

"My, how interesting," exclaimed the grey-haired lady. "I taught those two boys when they were in the fourth form. Tell me, what are they doing now?"

Cecil B. DeMille has since written a long letter to his old teacher, relating his adventures since he left the fourth form. He also sent her some orchids.

Bearded bagpiper



An impressive sight—and sound
—in the Suez Canal Zone.

Dream comes true

STRAIGHT out of Dad's rosiest dreams into reality has jumped a chemical that retards the growth of grass. It is reported from America that a lawn on which this wonder-chemical, malic hydrachide, was used required cutting only twice in a season!

The cost of the treatment was only ten dollars—a reasonable price for the savings of about 16 Saturday afternoons!

Those Britons who have their summer days darkened by the reproach of uncut lawns will watch yearningly for hydrachide's arrival in England's sometimes-too-green and pleasant land.

Thirty Years Ago

WILL Greenland become a great commercial centre and a port of call for travellers between Europe and America? This is the romantic possibility that is opened up by the proposal to use Greenland as a halfway house in mid-Atlantic in the round-the-world flight. It is a fascinating prospect for what used to be regarded as a valueless No Man's Land. Things have developed remarkably in recent years, and already the Eskimos have their parliament and municipal councils, their law courts and churches, and their newspapers.

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IN DEFENCE OF PORRIDGE

OATMEAL and oatflakes are being ousted from their place on the breakfast table by cereals prepared from other species of grain. A speaker at the annual convention of the Scottish Oatmeal Millers' Association sadly pointed out that breakfast cereals had come to stay because they had the great advantage of being ready to eat.

We may be sure, however, that a dour rearguard action in defence of their traditional "parritch" will be fought by all good Scots. Cook porridge properly, they say, take it with cream (but no sugar, for that is unthinkable), and you have a dish fit for the gods.

Slaying the dragon of despair

A SCHOOLBOY or girl should never be labelled "dull"; he may remain backward simply because he knows his elders have this opinion of him. This advice was given in a recent report of the National Union of Teachers.

The pupil who is slow to learn or cannot concentrate must never be allowed to get hold of the idea that he was born stupid and is destined to remain so. Despair is a formidable dragon that most of us have to fight at some time or another, and in this fight we need all the help and encouragement we can get.

Time to arise

While we linger at play
—If the year would stand at
May!—

Winds are up and away
Over land, over sea,
To their goal wherever their
goal may be.

It is time to arise,
To race for the promised prize,
—The Sun flies, the Wind flies—
We are strong, we are free,
And home lies beyond the stars
and the sea. Christina Rossetti

THINGS SAID

THERE is only one solution to the housing problem. Wherever you see a hole, put a house in it and a family in the house. Sir Harry Selley, builder

THE forces of prosperity are the scientists, craftsmanship and labour, know-how ability, and the will to work.

The Duke of Edinburgh

SOMETIMES the older generation is inclined to think that the youngsters of today are not what they were in their younger days. But sometimes older people look with rather rosy spectacles at their distant past.

The Archbishop of York

LEONARDO (DA VINCI) must have had extraordinary eyesight and would have made a good cricketer—probably bowling googlies, for he was a most ingenious man.

Sir Gerald Kelly, P.R.A.

KO MAP SUM IN TA

IN the harbour of the Korean port of Pusan lies a white-hulled vessel with bright red crosses painted boldly on her sides. She is the Danish hospital ship Jutlandia, which has brought new hope to victims of war.

Language difficulties are solved by the aid of Dr. Florence Murray, a Canadian medical missionary, who has spent the past thirty years in Korea and speaks the language fluently. She acts as interpreter between the English-speaking Danes and their patients.

It is reported that the phrase she is most frequently called upon to translate is: KO MAP SUM IN TA, Korean for Thank you very much!

All brothers

I say to thee, do thou repeat
To the first man thou mayest
meet

In lane, highway, or open
street—

That he and we and all men
move

Under a canopy of love,
As broad as the blue sky above.

Archbishop Trench



OUR HOMELAND

The old Southgate Arch
at Launceston, Cornwall

The sycamore tree which has been growing on the arch for nearly a century is to be cut down, as its roots are damaging the masonry.

MISTAKEN IDENTITY

(5) *Mice of many kinds*

MICE are known to be tiny creatures with brownish fur and long tails, so it is, perhaps, natural that we exclaim, "Oh, there's a mouse!" when we see a small animal answering this description during country walks.

From past talks in this series, however, we should have learned that appearances can be deceptive; that it is necessary to look closely and carefully, to make sure of details, before naming many of the wild creatures we see. Among the small mouse-like animals even the names are misleading, for the Dormouse is not a mouse, and neither is the Short-tailed Field Mouse, nor the three species of Shrews so often called Shrew Mice.

Let us consider this puzzling but attractive community of our smallest countryside mammals, to

Although it inhabits wooded country, we will more often find the Wood Mouse by the laneside and in fields and meadows. Its other name, the Long-tailed Field Mouse, distinguishes it from the Short-tailed Field Mouse, which is really a Vole and not a mouse at all.

THERE are two Voles which might claim this name—Field Vole and Bank Vole—but the former being the most commonly met with we will confine our attention to the Field Vole. In size and general colouring this little animal resembles a mouse, but all other details of his natty person show that he belongs to a quite different family. The nose is blunt and rounded instead of pointed, the ears barely show above the reddish fur, and, specially obvious,



WOOD MOUSE



HOUSE MOUSE



FIELD VOLE



HARVEST MOUSE

discover how we may be sure of identifying each of them.

OUR two commonest mice are the Wood-Mouse, often called the Long-tailed Field Mouse, and the House Mouse. Although the Wood Mouse sometimes visits homes in the country, and the House Mouse often elects to camp out in the farmer's corn-stacks, each is usually found in its normal haunts; the House Mouse making free with the provisions in our larders, and the Wood Mouse searching for seeds and berries on the hedgerow and woodland banks.

The House Mouse is the smaller of the two; a dusky brown creature with bead-like eyes and an

the tail is very short, about a third of the body length.

Though shy and retiring the Field Vole is not a difficult animal to watch, and many a less interesting hour can be spent than one on a sun-warmed bracken bank watching this active little creature at work in its maze of grassy tunnels which open out here and there into tiny clearings, for the Field Vole forms passages through the tangled grasses as well as safer retreats underground.

WITH good ears, we may on a calm, warm day hear a high, thin whistling coming from the grasses fringing the lane. This is the summer song of that delightful



SHREW MOUSE



WATER SHREW



LESSER SHREW

almost hairless tail which may measure slightly more than the combined length of head and body, from three to four inches.

Comparison between the two is certainly in favour of the Wood Mouse. If we chance to discover her on some mossy bank, perhaps among the nodding heads of wood-sorrel, we will see what an elegant little creature she is, with a warm russet-brown coat, snow-white vest, and large liquid black eyes.

WE have to hunt for her carefully, though she may all the while be observing us. As Mr. Douglas English has warned us in Punch:

Nor shell-pink ear, nor fluttery nose,
Nor dainty fan of milk-white toes,
Nor taper tail betrays where she,
The little Wood Mouse, watches me.

little insect-hunter, the Common Shrew, often called Shrew Mouse, though he belongs to a quite different family from the mice. Let us sit quietly, only a short way off, and we may see the tiny mammal if he should be about to engage in a journey of exploration along the grass verge or up one of the stouter stems.

Right away we will discover many points by which we may tell him from either the mice or the voles. He is not more than three inches long, with another inch-and-a-half of hairy tail, but his most striking feature is the long, delicate, tapering nose, ideally formed for turning over leaves or surface soil in what is an almost unending hunt for insects, wood-lice, small worms, and snails.

His larger cousin, the Water

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Bishop of a vast diocese

A Worcester clergyman, John Ernest Llewellyn Mort, who is still under 40, is to tackle one of the biggest tasks the church has to offer. He is to be bishop of Northern Nigeria, an area about twice the size of Britain.

The bishop's work, writes a C.N. correspondent who recently travelled over some parts of the diocese, will be done by living almost daily in a motor wagon. This is used on long journeys where the roads are uncertain and change according to the weather. There are wet weather roads and dry weather roads, and the signpost tells the driver which to use.

BUNGALOW PALACE

The bishop's palace will be a ramshackle bungalow near the tin-mining area of Northern Nigeria. From his front door he will be able to see hundreds of Africans carrying the red soil from the mines to the tips. All through the night he will hear the clank of the electric drag.

Some of the biggest cities in Africa—Kano, Zaria, and Sokoto—will be in his care. If he is in a hurry he may fly between them, covering in a few minutes a day's journey by road.

He will be bishop in a diocese where most of the people are Moslems. In addition to tin-miners, he will meet groundnut farmers, cotton-growers, and drivers of camel caravans across the Sahara.

The new bishop will dress more often in shorts and a shirt than in surplice and cassock.

SEWING METAL

When two pieces of metal have to be joined together they are usually fastened with nuts and bolts, riveted, or welded. A modern method is to stitch the parts together with steel wire thread.

Special machines are fed with stitching wire from a coil which is cut off, bent to the shape of a staple, driven through the work, and clinched off, all automatically. Each stitch is made in one-fifth of a second.

Most metals like steel, brass, copper, aluminium, dural, and so on can be joined in this fashion. It is also most useful for fastening to metal such materials as cork, felt, asbestos, or plastic.

Shrew, must be sought by pond or streamside; his smaller relative, the Lesser or Pigmy Shrew, prefers drier quarters and has the distinction of being the world's smallest mammal!

ONLY by a fraction of an inch does Lesser Shrew steal this honour from that delightful little inhabitant of our cornfields, the Harvest Mouse, whose grass-ball nursery we may find swinging high on the stout standing stems of the growing crop. This handsome little russet creature with snow-white breast can be given the name of "Mouse," though even he represents the sole membership of a special group, and the scientific name of this group means "tiny."

C.N. NATIONAL HANDWRITING TEST OF 1952

Chief awards—Over 1200 prizes won

THE judging of entries for CHILDREN'S NEWSPAPER'S Handwriting Test of 1952 has now been completed. Once again a very high standard was evident in all the age groups, and C.N. congratulates all who took part.

Special thanks are due to teachers throughout Great Britain, Ireland, and the Channel Islands for their invaluable co-operation; without this co-operation the Test would not have been possible.

Names, addresses, and schools of the principal winners are printed below. All others who have been awarded prizes and Certificates of Merit will be notified through their schools.

GROUP A (For pupils under 9)

First School Prize of £25 and Pupil's Prize of £5:

Sandra Cooke, of Ballyarnett Primary School, Co. Londonderry. (Home address: Ballyarnett, Londonderry.)

Second Prize—School £10, Pupil £3:

Sally Boreham, of Parkway C.P. School, Welwyn Garden City, Herts. (Home address: 133 Longcroft Lane, Welwyn Garden City.)

Third Prize—School £5, Pupil £2:

Nigel Johns, of Trewirgie Infants, C.P. School, Redruth. (Home address: 1 Gladstone Terrace, Redruth.)

GROUP B (For pupils of 9 to under 13)

First School Prize of £25 and Pupil's Prize of £5:

Kenneth D. Watson, of Westbourne Secondary School, Ipswich. (Home address: 39 Waterford Road, Ipswich.)

Second Prize—School £10, Pupil £3:

Rebecca Fraser, of Downhill School, Glasgow, W.I. (Home address: 20 Chancellor Street, Glasgow, W.I.)

Third Prize—School £5, Pupil £2:

Elspeth le Dieu, of Oakdene School, Beaconsfield, Bucks. (Home address: Ingledene, Warwick Road, Beaconsfield.)

GROUP C (For pupils of 13 to under 17)

First School Prize of £25 and Pupil's Prize of £5:

Irene Walley, of Cholmondeley

C.P. School, Cholmondeley, Malpas, Cheshire. (Home address: Council House, Chorley Bank, Nantwich, Cheshire.)

Second Prize—School £10, Pupil £3:

John Watling, of North East Essex County Technical School, Colchester. (Home address: 29 Harwich Road, Colchester.)

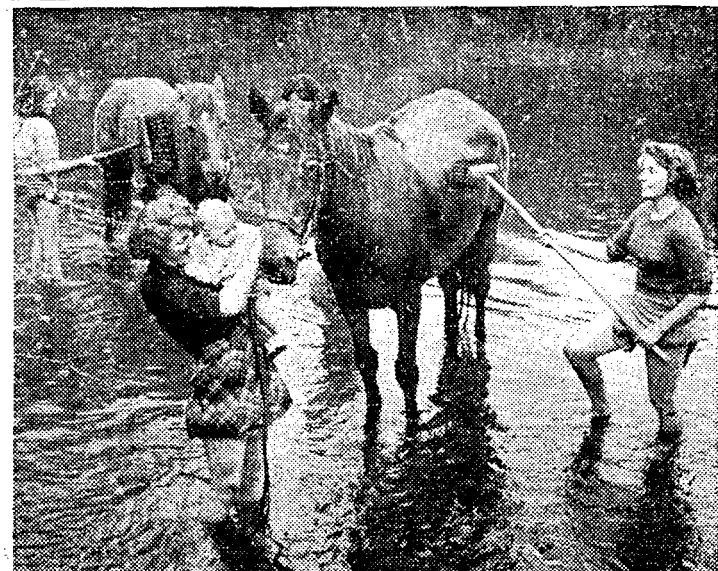
Third Prize—School £5, Pupil £2:

Hugh Clausen, of Clark's College, Cricklewood, Middlesex. (Home address: 19 Fordwych Road, London, N.W.2.)

1200 Other Prizes. The 200 Fountain-pens and 1000 Consolation Prizes have been awarded in proportion to the numbers of entries received within the three age groups. We regret that space does not permit the printing of the full list of prizewinners, but a copy will be sent to all Schools receiving prizes or Awards of Merit, and it may also be seen at our new competition offices at 3 Pilgrim Street, London, E.C.4.

Awards of Merit. A Certificate of Merit has been awarded to the pupil sending the best entry from each school not in the prize list, and in certain other cases.

Additional Awards. Many hospital and other special schools took part in the competition and the standard of handwriting, done in some cases under great handicaps, was noticeably high. The Editor has therefore decided to award a number of extra prizes in these cases. The names of all these winners will be included in a separate printed list.



Wash and brush up

There are willing hands to help wash down the horses in the river at Notter Bridge Farm, near Landrake, Cornwall.

BETTER TO KEEP COOL

The effect of high temperatures on human performances was the subject of experiments by the Medical Research Council, and the results were recently described to the Institute of Marine Engineers and the Institution of Naval Architects.

It was found that operators receiving Morse at 60 letters or figures a minute made 12 mistakes an hour when working in a temperature of 85 degrees Fahrenheit. But when the temperature was increased to 105 degrees the number of errors an hour increased to almost 95.

In the "pull test," 30 naval ratings raised and lowered a 15-lb. weight, moving their arms in time with a metronome. In 65 degrees the amount of work done was 60 units, but at 100 degrees the amount of work done decreased to 40 units.

In tests at low temperatures it was found that the detection by touch of a gap between two pieces of wood was increasingly difficult as the temperature was reduced. But, in an experiment over a period of weeks, as those taking part became used to the low temperature they were able to detect the gap more easily.

EMPIRE YOUTH SUNDAY

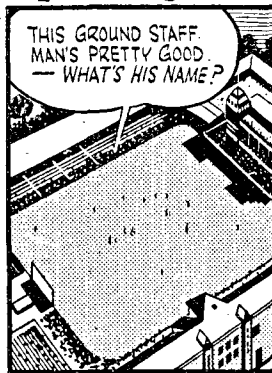
May 25 is a great day for the British Commonwealth of Nations. It is Empire Youth Sunday, when in big cities and remote hamlets, thousands of young people gather in churches, chapels, mosques, temples, and synagogues to dedicate themselves to the service of their common Father and to their fellow men.

This year there are two newcomers, Tanganyika and Malaya, to the long list of Commonwealth countries which observe this day, on which, for the first time, the Royal Message will come from our young Queen Elizabeth.

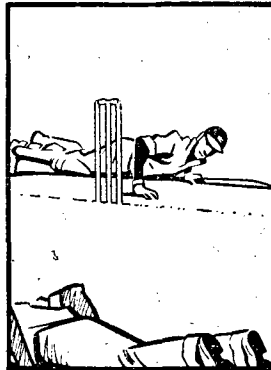
Steps to Sporting Fame



There may be more glamorous cricketers than Jack Robertson, of Middlesex; none more consistent. He is an attractive batsman, a clean fielder, and a steady bowler.



Born at Chiswick in 1917, Robertson graduated from the Lord's ground staff. In 1938, his first full season, he hit 905 runs, followed by 1775 the following year. During the war he rose to the rank of captain.



It was while Jack was batting for the Army v. the R.A.F. at Lord's, in July 1944, that the famous ground was menaced by a flying bomb. All the players fell to the ground, but the missile dropped in Regent's Park.

Jack Robertson



Jack is the only batsman who has scored more than 2000 runs every season since the war. His highest aggregate was reached last year (2917). His highest innings is 331 not out, scored in 1949 against Worcestershire.

The Children's Newspaper, May 24, 1952

THE DASHING HUSSAR

A picture-version of Sir Arthur Conan Doyle's exciting and amusing story, *The Exploits of Brigadier Gerard*, begins on this page.

It is a tale of the Napoleonic wars, and its hero is one of the most dashing cavaliers who ever galloped out of a book of yarns.

The behaviour of the gallant French hussar would make a British hero blush; he weeps unashamedly when he is scolded by Napoleon; he believes every woman must fall in love with him. Yet he was modelled on a real character, General Baron de Marbot, who served in all Napoleon's campaigns.

"Napoleon said himself, as you doubtless remember, that he thought I had the stoutest heart in his army. It is true that he disfigured the sentence by saying I had the thickest head. But we will pass that over. It is unkind to dwell upon the weak moments of a great man."

AFTER SHERLOCK

That is the way Conan Doyle himself thought of Gerard; but in these stories he humorously described a certain type of Frenchman as the British can see him, and also the stolid Britisher as the French see him.

The brigadier made his bow to British readers after the "death" of Sherlock Holmes. The great author had grown tired of the immortal detective, and in 1893, to the horror of his readers, "killed him off."

In London young men went to their offices with black mourning bands round their top hats! And eventually, in response to public demand, Sherlock Holmes returned.

But while the immortal detective had been in "retirement," Brigadier Gerard had ridden to fame on his little mare Violette.

TRANSPORT MUSEUM IN THE MAKING

The formidable task of organising a museum of transport in London has been undertaken by Mr. J. H. Scholes, the official curator of historical relics for the British Transport Commission.

He has told the CN something of his task, which is a big one, because locomotives, rolling stock, trams, buses, and even a stage coach will have to be assembled under one roof.

Mr. Scholes believes that a museum should be a progressive place, alive with interest. He has plans for including old-time locomotives, complete with tender,

coach, guard's van, and life-size waxwork figures of driver, fireman, passengers, and guard all in the costume of the period. On the platform will be a be-whiskered porter in a top hat, and (doubtless) the inevitable Victorian small boy taking the engine's number!

It is also planned to have a qualified teacher in attendance to give lectures to parties of school-children.

BIG PREMISES NEEDED

The Commission's first problem, however, is to find premises in London big enough for such exhibits. Perhaps an entire station might be necessary.

Meanwhile, there are some interesting relics among the 5000 already in the British Transport collection (housed in various quarters at present), including some carved panels from a saloon specially built for Queen Victoria when at last, about 1840, she decided to embark on the adventure of riding in a train.

Another interesting relic is an invitation to the opening in 1836

of the first railway to enter London, from Greenwich to London Bridge. There is a sketch of Shillibeer's 1829 horse-drawn bus, London's first, which carried a notice declaring that it was attended by "a person of the greatest respectability," the official we know as a conductor.

We shall look forward to the coming of a museum which should be among the most fascinating in London. Anyone who can help by presenting transport relics should write to Mr. J. H. Scholes, British Transport Commission, Euston Station, London.

BAND OF HOPE ON PARADE

A 16-year-old Brighton girl and two other young people will speak at the Annual Demonstration of the U.K. Band of Hope Union at the Kingsway Hall, London, this Saturday (May 24) at 6.30 p.m.

A Youth Choir will provide the musical programme, and there will also be a pageant.

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THE EXPLOITS OF BRIGADIER GERARD—PICTURE-VERSION OF CONAN DOYLE'S FAMOUS STORY (1)

Sir Arthur Conan Doyle's famous story tells of a dashing, adventure-seeking French cavalry officer of the Napoleonic Wars; a lovable personality, brave, kind-hearted, chivalrous, but also rather vain and not quite

so clever as he imagined himself to be. At the time our story opens Brigadier Gerard had been staying at an inn north of the Pyrenees while recovering from a lance wound, and was seeking a way of rejoining his

regiment of Hussars who were on the other side of the mountains, engaged in the Peninsular War against the British and their allies. This picture-version is given here by permission of John Murray (Publishers) Ltd.



Gerard was warned that if he crossed the mountains alone he might be caught by the Spanish guerilla chief, El Cuchillo, supposed to be an ally of the English, who tortured and killed his victims. This would not have deterred the Brigadier, but he could not obtain a horse, his own having been killed in battle. Then a Spanish priest said he was going south across the mountains and offered to take him in his coach.



In the coach the priest talked so affectionately about his mother, whom he said he was going to visit, that it brought tears to the Brigadier's eyes. But when they reached the mountains, the priest, after pretending to make a hole through his belt with a bradawl, suddenly thrust it into Gerard's eye! In spite of his surprise and pain, Gerard fought valiantly, flinging the other down and stamping on him.



The coach stopped and El Cuchillo's men opened the door. The bogus priest, their accomplice, had hoped to wound the Brigadier so that he could not resist in this ambush. Gerard was dragged out and was relieved to find that he had not lost the sight of his eye. He was taken to the cave of the terrible El Cuchillo. This person did not look like a brigand chief, and fancied himself as a poet.



With girlish pride he read aloud a verse. Then he mentioned that they had recently buried alive one of Gerard's brother officers. "You sleek hound," cried Gerard, "you think you are safe here, but your life may be as short as your absurd verses." That enraged El Cuchillo, "You say that you have had a very distinguished career," he snarled. "I promise you also a very distinguished ending."

How can the Brigadier get out of this tight corner? See next week's instalment

MONDAY *Thrills and mystery on the river*

ADVENTURE

by John Pudney

Exploring a Thames backwater leading to Blackmead Abbey, now a film studio, Fred and I met an American girl, Annabel, who said her father was a prisoner there. Returning the next day, we saw a coffin-like boat that turned out to be a submarine; it suddenly submerged before our eyes.

7. In fancy dress

It was an ugly dive; but it was deliberate. We stayed where we were, resting on our oars. We felt, rather than heard, a rumble beneath us. It was like an express train passing beneath a railway bridge. Bubbles and eddies shot up round us, and whirlpools broke the surface ahead.

"That solves the mystery of where the first coffin-boat went, anyway," said Fred.

"It doesn't solve the mystery of what happens when they've gone down there to the river bed. But let's get out of the way before they come up again."

Fred slipped into the stern. I took both the oars again. As we approached the boathouse we saw Annabel at the cracked upper window.

We pulled inside. Annabel came clattering down the spiral staircase carrying two bundles of clothes. She was dressed in a much richer costume than that which she had worn the day before. Its long brocaded skirt did not make her movements any easier.

"I want you to get into this kit here," she said. "You're going to be film extras."

"What have we got to dress up as?" asked Fred warily.

"A nobleman's pages in a medieval court."

"Does that mean we're got to wear tights?"

"Of course it means tights. Doublet and hose, with a feathered hat. Here you are—put them on while I keep watch." Then she turned and ran up the spiral stair. Not very happily, we started to change.

It's no good pretending that you feel at your best wearing doublet and hose. Fred moaned that his lower half was draughty and his upper half as hot as a furnace. It was a mistake, I suppose, to laugh at Fred. His turn to laugh came when I put on the feathered cap. "We can't go about in broad daylight," I protested, "wearing these things on our heads."

"I suppose it's just part of the costume, and we've got to put up with it," Fred said.

We folded our own clothes and hid them in the nose of the dinghy. While we were still making everything shipshape, Annabel came down again.

"Well," she said. "Let's go." She led us toward the door at the far end of the landing stage.

We both felt foolish about our costumes when we came out into the full sun, but Annabel merely urged us to hurry as she led us in the direction of a disused tennis lawn. Soon we came to a building which must have once been a tennis pavilion. Behind tall shrubberies there were glimpses of the main abbey buildings.

"We shall be safe here," Annabel explained.

Inside there was a musty smell, but the little place was still in good condition. It consisted of a wide veranda behind which there was an inner room roughly circular in shape. Ranging round the walls of this were a number of alcoves and cupboards.

"It's supposed to be haunted," Annabel said cheerfully. "You hear mighty odd noises coming up from below the floor. But let me tell you about the extra business."

It seemed that the extras came down by coach from London whenever they were needed, which was nearly every day. We were disappointed to hear that there were no great stars. There were sometimes a few second-rate actors and actresses engaged for special parts. The rest varied slightly from day to day. "So people won't expect to know your faces," Annabel explained, "and that is all part of the brainwave I've had."

The brainwave was that Fred and I were to mingle with the extras working in the banquet scene.

"YOU'LL be in it along with the permanent staff here and the extras from London—when they get around to taking it," she said.

"About that permanent staff, Annabel," Fred interrupted. "We saw several of them bustling a sort of old king when we were looking through the gate."

Annabel turned pale. "My father is taking the part of the

king," she said, then shivered and stopped. "But look out for the staff. Sometimes they wander round dressed as men-at-arms, but every now and then you see one of them dressed up as a policeman..."

I recollected the policeman who had spoken to us when we were looking through the gates, and later had told us to move the Bounty. Could he have been a bogus policeman?

"Most of the extras come down here to act because they are glad of the money," Annabel went on. "A few of them may even guess there's something funny going on, but Neman seems to know how to pay them well enough to keep their mouths shut."

A deep rumble shook the circular room as Annabel was speaking. She took no notice of it, but Fred went straight across to one of the cupboard doors and, opening it, said: "Did you hear that? It seemed to come from inside here."

Annabel laughed. "But that's my favourite cupboard, and it's only the walled-up monk. He often makes noises like that. There are plenty of worse things in Blackmead Abbey than ghosts. I shouldn't worry too much about them." She mustered a smile and added: "Worry about me if you like."

SHE told us she was being held in Blackmead Abbey against her will. She dare not attempt to break out by herself because of her fear of leaving her father behind. He was a professor of history, and he had come to Blackmead Abbey because he was an expert on the life and reign of King John.

"I wonder he didn't go to Runnymede in that case," Fred suggested brightly.

"It was Pop who discovered that Blackmead Abbey was of special importance. He was so excited about it that for weeks before we came here he could talk of nothing else. It was after a chance meeting with Pop in our London hotel that Neman bought the place and started the film."

The professor had seemed happy enough to be appointed technical adviser for a film on the life of King John. This, he said, gave him a wonderful chance to enlarge his discoveries. All that he had explained to Annabel was that he had come across information which nobody else in the world possessed about King John's movements just before the sealing of Magna Carta.

At first Neman had treated the professor with respect and Annabel with kindness. Then Neman's mysterious partner or assistant, Morr, had come upon the scene. He had sealed Blackmead Abbey from the outside world, and put most of the ground out of bounds to all except his own staff.

Then the professor had begun to change. He had buried himself more and more in the character of King John. Neman had encouraged him—and one day Annabel had seen Neman tipping white powder into her father's glass.

"That was only ten days ago," she told us, "but since then my father has hardly ever stopped acting the part of the king. He recognises me as his daughter and

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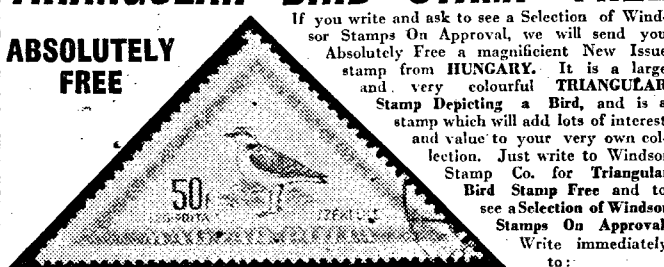
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She used to say that it was her "pilgrim life" which made the wild tribesmen of the Gobi respect her. Dressed in a thick Chinese wadded coat, stout shoes, and carrying a pilgrim's staff, she would set off at the beginning of spring every three years from either Mongolia in the east or Chinese Turkestan in the west.

Following the caravan routes across the windswept Gobi, her purpose was to distribute Bibles and speak to people in the market-places about Christianity.

Sometimes she and her companions hired a little Chinese cart, particularly when they had an unusually large supply of scriptures. Sometimes they got lifts among the caravan people who brought cloth and blankets from the windy uplands down to the cities of Mongolia and Turkestan.

The problem of where to sleep grew easier as the years went by, for the market towns came to know the pilgrims, and there was room in the inns for them. Usually it was a place near the great stove so that the travellers had a warm night as well as a warm welcome.

But sometimes there was no inn, and then the wanderers had to bivouac under the stars or in the rough kitchen of a farm.

The Gobi farmers were Mildred Cable's special friends. She watched them scratching the dusty, thin soil to sow a meagre crop, and from the Bible she would find a story which suited their condition.

On her last journey but one across the desert Mildred Cable and her fellow pilgrims brought

home a young girl with raven-black hair and the slow, laughing eyes of Mongolia. They called her Topsy, and as their adopted daughter Topsy has sat on countless platforms while Mildred Cable told the story of her pilgrimages in remote corners of the world.

But not only as a pilgrim will Mildred Cable be remembered; she was also a remarkably observant traveller who always had her notebook ready.

She observed the way the sand blew, what time the sun rose, how cold it was, and how colourful the mud walls of the little Gobi towns looked in the setting sun. Her books and lectures carried thousands of stay-at-home people across the Gobi, and showed them how fascinating the life of a pilgrim can be.

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Mildred Cable deserves to stand with Bunyan's Pilgrim, for she braved "wind and weather" and sowed many seeds of faith and service in a part of the world which is now even more remote than it was when first she resolutely tramped across it.

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Monday Adventure, by John Pudney

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treats me as if I belonged to his Court. You've no idea how frightening it is." She broke off. "But I guess that's about as much as we've time for. I'm going to find out what's going on."

She opened one of the bigger cupboards. It was really a small room, with a window high up in the wall. "You can make this your headquarters."

Fred and I stepped-forward into the cupboard.

"But it's hollow!" We stamped our feet and heard a curious kind of echo.

"You shouldn't let little things worry you," Annabel laughed. "Not in Blackmead Abbey. I'll be back in half an hour. She turned and hurried away.

WE watched her as she passed along the side of an overgrown tennis court and went on towards the shrubberies on the far side of which the gables and turrets of Blackmead Abbey stood out in the afternoon sunlight.

"There's one good thing about

this place," Fred said. "We can see without being seen. We'll be safe enough so long as one of us keeps a look-out on the veranda side."

We agreed to take it in turns to stand guard. Fred watched first, while I explored. My investigations were interrupted by another of those rumbling sounds which shook the pavilion from below.

"I don't think I shall ever get used to these noises," Fred called out from the doorway leading to the veranda. "They seem to come from right underneath our cupboard."

"There certainly was a hollow sound about the floor, though it looked solid enough."

I went towards the cupboard as I said this. I had even reached my arm out for the door when Fred softly, swiftly, gave his alarm whistle. Like a fool I glanced towards him instead of looking where I was going. I looked back only just in time to see that the cupboard door was opening towards me.

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Onions, garlic, radishes, beets, and some types of beans grow most successfully in the north. They have shallow root systems and so do not penetrate the underlying cold in the ground.

CURATE FROM AFRICA

For 150 years Britain has been sending missionaries to Africa; but now the great continent has begun to return the compliment, one of the first here being the Revd. Moses Scott, curate of Grappenhall, in Cheshire.

The vicar of Grappenhall, the Revd. Gordon Niblock, invited Mr. Scott from Sierra Leone to share the parish work with him, and no curate has proved more popular. Just recently he told the congregation about farming life in Sierra Leone, and the collection went to buy a tractor which he will take home when his appointment finishes.

FALSE ALARM

As the tide ebbed at Ramsgate it left behind a round metal object with a handle. A mine, people thought, so a call was made to Chatham to send naval experts.

The disposal squad cautiously tied a rope to the handle, retired to a safe distance, and slowly heaved. There was a squelching noise, and away came a—dustbin lid.

THE HEART OF IT

A new sausage-making machine forms a thin core of mustard or other flavouring or sauce in the centre of each sausage as it is being formed.

YOUNG QUIZ—answers

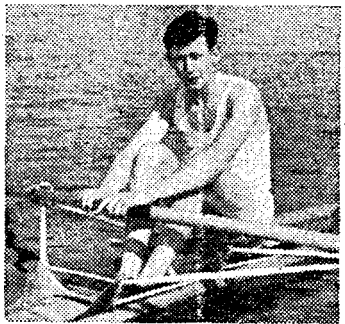
- 1 On the coast of South Australia.
- 2 A mile.
- 3 To set fire to it.
- 4 The "Western" novel.
- 5 England.
- 6 Is not gold.
- 7 The Nile (including the feeder Kagera).
- 8 Baron Pierre de Coubertin, founder of the modern Olympic Games.

SPORTS SHORTS

SOME 2000 British soldiers serving in Vienna will see the international soccer match between Austria and England at the Prater Stadium this Friday. The Prater Stadium is in the Russian zone of Vienna, and when the Russians heard of the match they offered 300 of their permanent tickets to the British forces. Americans and Frenchmen also gave up their tickets.

On two previous occasions England have met the Austrians at Vienna—in 1930, when the score was 0-0, and in 1936, when the Austrians won 2-1.

Training spin



Tony Fox, of the London Rowing Club, who may represent Britain in the single sculls event at the Olympic Games.

JOHNNY LEACH and Richard Bergmann, our two greatest table-tennis champions, will be busy during the next few months. After giving exhibitions in Portugal, they will spend a few days at home and then make a flying tour round the world, calling at India, Pakistan, Japan, Hong Kong, the Philippines, Australia, New Zealand, and (if time allows) South America and Trinidad on the homeward journey.

PETER HOTTEN and Warwick Mahony, members of Sydney Rowing Club's championship eight, just missed selection in the Olympic Games crew. But they have decided to be at Helsinki just the same.

Each is paying his own way, and will shortly land in Venice with about £100 in his pocket. They will then cycle across Europe, travelling light. They each have one suit, one sports coat, their rowing club blazer, a pair of slacks, three shirts, and two pairs of shoes.

GUEST WITH A BIG APPETITE

"Our cat caught a young cuckoo and we rescued it just in time. Now the bird's in our kitchen and it won't stop eating. Can we bring it over to you?"

The voice on the telephone, after uttering this message, grew perturbed when a CN correspondent pointed out that any young bird found on the ground should be placed in a tree nearby and left there—for the parents or foster parents would invariably find the youngster and bring it food.

"That's hopeless," said the voice on the telephone. "We've four cats; no young bird stands a chance."

A few hours later the young cuckoo arrived at the home of our correspondent—where it proved

WORLD speedway champion Jack Young, who comes from Australia and now rides in the West Ham colours, is the first man to complete a lap of a British speedway track at 50 miles an hour. He achieved this recently at West Ham in a special one-lap flying start attempt on the previous record, set up 14 years ago.

AMONG the U.S. athletic team in the 1924 Olympics was the hurdler "Crip" Moore. In the U.S. team this year will be his 22-year-old son, Charles Moore, an engineering student at Cornell University. This tall young man is a triple 400-metre hurdles champion of America, and is firmly expected to win an Olympics title.

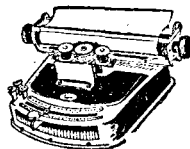
THE British Amateur golf championship begins next Monday at the famous Prestwick course, which recently celebrated its centenary. Dick Chapman, from North Carolina, who won the championship for the first time last year, after losing in the final on two previous occasions, will be there trying to retain the title. An American, Lawson Little, was the last player to win the title two years running—in 1934 and 1935.

A TEAM of New Zealand women cricketers are to tour this country in 1954. This will be the first tour by women cricketers other than from Australia. The New Zealand visitors will compete in a series of Test matches as part of their extensive programme.

AMONG the weekend athletics are two annual events that usually attract big entries—Stock Exchange Walk from London to Brighton, and the Universities A.U. championships, staged at Reading. At the latter meeting the London University competitors will be expected to win most of the titles.

THAT evergreen athlete, 43-year-old Group Captain Donald Finlay, retired from international hurdling in 1950. Last year, however, he won the R.A.F. hurdles title in 14.8 seconds, and he is considering entering again this year. If he returns a similar time he may well be chosen for the Olympic Games and set up an all-time record by competing in Olympics spanning 20 years.

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NOT QUITE THE TICKET

"PLEASE, I want a ticket for Sandy," said a small girl to the railway booking clerk. The clerk, new to the job, thought for a moment then got out his guide book. "Sandy in Bedfordshire?" he asked.

"No, Sandy on the seat over there," replied the little girl.

May thirds

THESE "thirds," properly rearranged, will spell the names of five famous people whose birth or death anniversaries fall in May. They are a 17th-century English statesman, a French scientist (hyphen), a Russian empress, a French emperor (surname), and an Anglo-Irish woman novelist.

STR	APA	RTH
GAY	EWO	ORD
CAT	AFF	SAC
BON	LUS	INE
EDG	HER	RTE

Answer next week

OTHER WORLDS

IN the evening Mars and Saturn are in the south-east. In the morning Venus and Jupiter are low in the east. The picture shows the Moon at 7 o'clock in the morning on Thursday, May 22.



BEDTIME CORNER

Shrimpy Grub's adventure

SHRIMPY GRUB lived in an under-water tunnel in the mud of the river bank. Ever since she had been hatched out she had been living here, and because she was rather timid and defenceless she never dared to stray far from home.

But every time she watched the silvery, pink-finned fish swimming by, or saw the jet-black moorhens with their scarlet beaks come popping down after bits of pond weed, or spied the pink and blue and green king-fishers as they dived into the stream, she would say:

"How beautiful they are! And how free! And what adventures they must have. If only I were beautiful, and free, and could go adventuring, too!"

And then, one day, she could not bear her dreary mud home any longer. So, taking a deep breath, she floated up to the surface of the stream. And there, as she rested beside a lily pad under the cheerful warmth of the sun, a strange thing happened to her.



Her tight skin jacket split right down, and Shrimpy Grub stepped out of it to find herself dressed in green, with four beautiful wings folded over her back.

In a second she spread them out to strengthen in the sun, crying: "Oh me! Oh my! I'm beautiful! I'm free! I'm not Shrimpy Grub any longer. I've turned into a Mayfly. So now I can go adventuring too."

Off then she flew to a nearby willow. And, clinging there, she saw hundreds of other mayflies with long tail fins fluttering and dancing and adventuring over the field and river. "I'll join them," she cried joyously.

She found, however, she was not quite ready to do so yet. She needed to cast one more skin before her own tail fins were free. But soon she was wriggling out of it. Then, leaving it hanging on the tree like an empty glove, she darted off to join the others in their happy dance.

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JACKO GETS INTO TROUBLE AGAIN



Having painted the garden seat, Jacko turned away to do the fence.

UNKNOWN TERROR

A GENTLEMAN had been troubled two or three times with burglars. Not wishing to instal burglar alarms or keep a watchdog, he put up a large notice which read: "Tondapamubomenos guard these grounds."

He was not troubled any more.

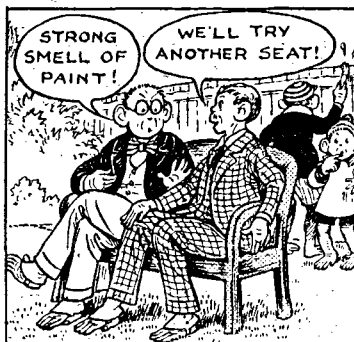
Riddle-my-town

IN harp, not in lyre;
In flame, not in fire;
In fir and in pine;
In string, not in twine;
In bald, not in bare;
In step, not in stair;
In yes and in nay—
An island in pay!

Answer next week

OLD SAYING

SPRING has come when you can place your foot on three daisies at once.



And, of course, Father and Adolphus had to choose that very seat.

Baldly speaking

Two young friends were discussing their growth. "When do you stop growing?" asked one.

"I don't know," replied the other, "but my father is still growing."

"How do you know?"

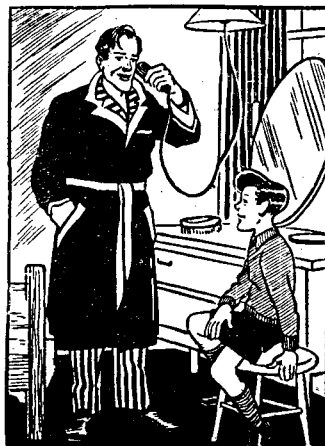
"Because his head is coming through his hair."

RIDDLE IN RHYME

MY first is a colour of many shades,
My second is often tolled.
My whole is a flower which blooms in glades,
When spring's but a few weeks old.

Answer next week

RODDY



"I suppose it's electricity cuts that worry you most."

CHAIN QUIZ

Solutions to the following clues are linked, the last two letters of the first answer being the first two of the second, and so on.

1. English composer (1658-95); chorister at the Chapel Royal; organist at Westminster Abbey and "composer in ordinary" to the king; buried under the Abbey organ.

2. Animal related to camel but smaller and without hump; bred in Peru as a beast of burden and for its long, silky fleece.

3. English military commander (1650-1722); ancestor of Winston Churchill; won many battles on the Continent.

4. Flemish city with many canals and 64 bridges; has a long history and many picturesque medieval buildings; now the centre of the Belgian textile industry.

Answer next week

The Children's Newspaper, May 24, 1952

MERRY MONTH OF MAY

O MAY I wear my new spring hat?

This is the month for wearing that, For see! the sky is bright and blue, 'Tis true.

O may we hurry home again?
My new spring hat is drenched with rain,
The sky, that once was blue, is grey—
O May!

The piano sings

IF we press the loud pedal of a piano and then sing a steady note into the piano, the piano will sing back. The reason is that with our voice we set up waves of sound which vibrate some of the strings—causing them to give out sounds.

The note we hear will be the same as that we sang, because the wave length of our note will only affect the strings tuned to that particular wave length.

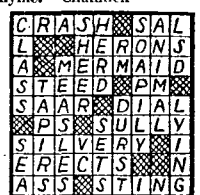
Optimist

CRIED a merry old sea-cook named Randle:
"This frying-pan hasn't a handle;
And the galley fire's out,
So there seems little doubt
I must cook with a fork and a candle."

LAST WEEK'S ANSWERS

Riddle-my-town. Elgin (anagram of Nigel)
Riddle in rhyme. Chaffinch

Chain Quiz
Blood, Odin, Inca,
Casablanca
Jumbled programmes
Down Your Way,
Family Favourites,
Book By The Fire,
We Beg To Differ,
The Archers,
Calling All Forces



Spring Song

I HEARD Bluebells ring:
A ting-a-ling ling!
That's why, I suppose,
That sleepy Dog Rose!

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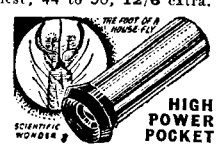


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